

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL.

TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!

MESSRS. DALLAS AND

MUSGRAVES

THEATRICAL SEASON.

LAST NIGHT! LAST NIGHT!

GREAT ADELPHI NAUTICAL DRAMA

"THE HARBOUR LIGHTS."

PRICES:—\$3, \$2 and \$1.

Box Plan at the ROBINSON PIANO CO.

Soldiers and Sailors (in Uniform), Half-price,

to Black Seats only.

TO-MORROW NIGHT,

(WEDNESDAY), April 5th,

Grand Production of

MRS. HARRIETT BEECHER STOWE'S

GRANT MASTERPIECE

"UNCLE TOM'S CABIN"

NOTICE.—A special train will run a quarter of

an hour after fall of curtain every evening.

W. H. BROWN,

Business Manager.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1899. [424a]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Chartered Steamship

"PRONTO."

Captain Grandt, will be despatched for the above

Ports, TO-MORROW, the 5th instant, at 4

P.M.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1899. [451a]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"PRINZ HEINRICH."

Captain C. Capper, will leave for the above

place, TO-MORROW, the 5th instant, at 5 P.M.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1899. [451a]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAILONG."

Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above

Ports, on THURSDAY, the 6th instant, at

Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAIRRAK & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1899. [461a]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND

CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"KOHINUR."

Captain H. Elliot, will be despatched for the above

Ports, SATURDAY, the 8th instant, at

Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSON, SONS & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1899. [459a]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"PROMETHEUS."

Captain Day, will be despatched as above

on THURSDAY, the 4th April, at 10 A.M.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1899. [392a]

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"LIV."

will be despatched for the above port, on or

about the 12th April.

To be followed by the

S.S. "UNDAUNTED,"

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE

WE have REMOVED TO OFFICES on the

FIRST FLOOR OF QUEEN'S BUILD-

ING, New Praya, (Peddar's Wharf corner).

DODWELL & CO. LIMITED.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1899. [463a]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"PYNHUS."

Captain Batt, will be despatched as above on

MONDAY, the 17th instant.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1899. [463a]

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,

LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

PORTS

(For Invalids and General Use.)

B.—VINTAGE superior quality,

Red Capsule \$14.40

C.—FINE OLD VINTAGE, super-

ior quality. Black

Cal Capsule 16.20

D.—VERY FINE OLD VINTAGE

extra superior. Violet

Capsule (Old Bottles) 20.40

Port after removal should be rested

for a month before use. Wine re-

quired for drinking at once should be

ordered to be decanted at the Dis-

pensary before being sent out.

These Wines are too favourably

known to need comment.

Sample bottles and smaller quanti-

ties will be supplied at proportionate

wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and

Spirits to be genuine when bought

direct from us in the Colony or from

our authorised Agents at the Coast

Ports.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited,

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 1899.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE SAMOAN QUESTION.

LONDON, April 2nd.

Great Britain, Germany and the United

States have agreed to a joint high commission

to settle the Samoan question with the King of

Sweden as umpire.

DENMARK AND CHINA.

The cruiser *Fyn* with Prince Waldemar on

board is proceeding to China solely for the pur-

pose of strengthening the Danish Commercial

position.

THE FRENCH IN AFRICA.

Major Marchand reached Adis-Saheb on

the 11th March and was cordially received

everywhere in Abyssinia.

THE TRANSVAAL.

President Kruger in a conciliatory speech

at Johannesburg promised to propose in the

Volkraad a reduction of the franchise period of

five years and also to endeavour to procure the

lowering of the price of dynamite. He said

that the fomentors of racial hatred were con-

stantly delaying reforms.

GERMANY IN CHINA.

The Nord-Deutsche says that Germany has

no territorial aims in China and is only

protecting her Missionaries and Engineers.

The occupation is only of a temporary nature.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—On the 4th

at 11.55 a.m. The barometer has fallen in S.

China. Pressure is highest over N. China, and

the depression is probably moving Eastwards

in Japan. Gradients slight on the coast, and

in the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the

City Hall Museum for the week ended 2nd

April, are:—Europeans 123, Chinese 1,175;

total 1,298.

An Indian was jumping off the ferry launch at

Kowloon yesterday, before the launch was

properly moored, when he slipped and was

caught between the launch and the wharf and

badly crushed.

THE Hongkong School Athletic Sports took

place this afternoon on the Race Course, Happy

Valley. And were witnessed by a great

number of spectators. We shall publish a full

account in to-morrow's issue.

A LECTURE was given by Mr. J. W. Jones on

"Imperial Federation" in the Chamber of

Commerce Rooms, City Hall, this evening. A

full report will be found in to-morrow's pub-

lication, as it was not finished in time to allow

of its insertion in to-night's issue.

THE United States appear to have acquired

a valuable asset in Porto Rico, if one may

measure value by the amount of waterfall

energy in a country. General Roy Stone, of

the United States volunteers, says the roads are

ruined by the rainfall, and the only possible

chance for traffic is the rail. The rivers have

an average fall of 2,500 feet, and in their courses

high waterfalls are numerous.

AT Ootacamund in South India, lately, a dog

belonging to a military officer accompanied his

master on a visit to a house. There, the dog

broke a French plate-glass window by jumping

through it. On the dog's owner being sued for

damages, the court held that he was not legally

liable, because no evidence was produced of

the dog's propensity to jump through windows

or of its being of a ferocious character.

H.M.S. *Daphne* and *Swift* held athletic sports

at Pagoda Anchorage, Soochow, on March 16th.

There were eighteen events. The crews of the

Chinese men of war were invited to the sports,

and in the open hurdle and obstacle races

proved themselves as good sports as the Eng-

lish. The Chinese had not practised for the

sports. Had they done so they would have

given the Englishmen a hard fight for premier

position.

WE (N. C. D. News) are informed from another

most reliable source that the news, of it having

been the German Minister at Peking who urged

his Italian colleague to claim Samun Bay is a

grave misapprehension. If, on the other hand,

it is said that here as well as in Peking the

opinion prevails that it is a great pity that the

British Minister was mixed up in the affair at

all, it will easily be remembered that it is a

well-known fact that the British Minister, under

instructions from home, we presume, has

strongly endorsed and backed up the Italian

demand.

THE Bar at Taku is now in a bad condition

having only 6 ft. 6 in. at high water. Lighters

are scarce owing to the difficulty of getting

them up and down the river, although they do

not float beyond 7 ft. 6 in. The China Merchants'

str. *Kiangchi* is again rendering valuable

services by lightening outside the Bar. It is

reported that one of the T. T. and L. Co.'s

lighters fouled the bow of a Japanese steamer

and sank, and that she has since been raised.

The railway company is working at high

pressure transporting both export and import

cargoes.—N. C. D. News.

AN interesting experiment in egg storage was

recently tried at Leith. In June, a batch of

THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.

The following correspondence has been forwarded for publication—

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong, 21st March, 1899.

Sir—This Chamber has received a letter (with enclosure) from the Director of the Manila Observatory, of which the enclosed is a copy, and in which complaint is made of a communication addressed by the Director of the Hongkong Observatory to the Weather Bureau of the United States Government as seriously reflecting on the value of the typhoon warnings supplied to Hongkong by the Manila Observatory.

The experience of the commercial community is that the telegrams giving warning of approaching or expected typhoons, furnished by the Manila Observatory, have been most useful, and the Chamber and the commercial community would view their discontinuance with extreme regret.

The Committee would be much obliged if the Government will kindly favour the Chamber with a copy of the letter addressed by the Director of the Hongkong Observatory to the Weather Bureau of the United States Government.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
R. CHATTERTON WILCOX,
Secretary.

Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th March, 1899.

Sir—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant and its enclosure on the subject of typhoon warnings from Manila, and to state that the matter is being considered by the Government.

I will communicate further with you in due course.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary, Chamber of Commerce.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 28th March, 1899.

Sir—In continuation of my letter No. 485 of the 21st instant, I am directed to state for the information of the Chamber of Commerce that the request made by the Director of the Observatory to the Chief of the Weather Bureau, United States of America, for the discontinuance of typhoon warnings from the Manila Observatory was not authorised by this Government.

Dr. Dohereck acted under the belief that he had for several years the necessary authority for his communication to the Chief of the Weather Bureau at Washington. His mistake has been pointed out to him. Intimation has been made to the Military Governor of the Philippines that the request was unauthorised, and a hope expressed that the order for the discontinuance of the Meteorological information would be rescinded. The Military Governor has also been informed of the appreciation of your Chamber of the warnings sent from time to time.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

SHANGHAI AND THE HONGKONG POST OFFICE.

The following article and letter we take from the N. C. D. News of 28th ultimo—

THE HONGKONG POST OFFICE.

The reply of the new Hongkong Post-master-General to our correspondent "A Taxed Britisher," whose letter appears in another column, is the most preposterous thing we ever read, and it is evident that Commander Hastings, R. N., has not had time to take his bearings. As we have pointed out before, the charge for a half-ounce letter from Hongkong to England is 4 cents, and the charge from Shanghai to Hongkong is 6 cents, making 10 cents in all, while the British Post Office rates to England, a number of people, our correspondent among them, put 4-cent stamps on their letters and enclose them in a cover which they send through the Imperial Chinese Post, paying 2 cents a half-ounce, so that their letters cost them not over 6 cents each. This is absolutely fair and above-board; the tariff rates are paid to both Post Offices, only the British Post Office here loses its utterly unwarrantable squeeze of 4 cents a half-ounce; and on this being done, Commander Hastings stigmatises it as an evasion which he cannot be expected to connive at and actively assist, and he absolutely with no right whatever, taxes letters which are already fully stamped.

It is, we think, for the Chamber of Commerce, which has so far, we understand, been unable to get any reply to its letter on this subject to the Hongkong Post Office, to take this matter up seriously. The late Post-master-General at Hongkong was far from being a success, but the new one, if we may judge by the evidence, is no improvement on his predecessor.

THE EDITOR OF THE "SUN" DAILY NEWS.

Sir—Along the line of "Reformer's letter" I have had an experience that may throw some light. I, too, have sent letters to Hongkong under cover and have received the following letter from the Hongkong Postmaster, Mr. Hastings, to whom I wrote on the subject and enclosed with the letters to be forwarded. He says: "Doubtless the 10 cents rate is evaded largely by the method you have adopted—sending letters under cover into the Colony—but to expect the officer in charge of the Post Office to connive at and actively assist such evasion you must perceive is improper. Your letters have been taxed."

Now my reply to this is an emphatic denial of the assertion that there has been an evasion of the law and an indignant rebuttal of the insinuation that something that is not strictly right has been done by me. In the first place I wrote a letter to the Post Office, Hongkong, and enclosed my letters to England, each one properly addressed and stamped with the regulation British postage, namely four cents, as per the Hongkong tariff. The letter bearing these to Hongkong was posted in China in the P. O. and full letter rates were paid on it to Hongkong. So far then, it seems there can be nothing to complain of. As soon as the letters are delivered at the Post Office, Hongkong by the I. P. O. the responsibility of the latter ceases; their contract has been discharged. When the letters were handed to the General Post Office in Hongkong they were by that act "posted" in the legal sense in Hongkong. I fail therefore to see where I have transgressed either Chinese or British Postal regulations.

That being the case, on what ground has the Hongkong Postmaster taxed these letters? They were posted in Hongkong and the full legal postage has been paid. The letters will bear the Hongkong postmark and yet be taxed although postage has been fully paid. This is an anomaly. The Postmaster urges that the letters were written in China. As though that constituted any reason for taxing my letters! If I write some letters and request a friend who is going to Hongkong to post them there is that

unlawful? The Hongkong Postmaster says it is. If so, a man who is travelling on a steamer to Hongkong and writes a letter on board has no right to post it in Hongkong for four cents, but must pay the full 10 cents. To my mind it is no concern of the Hongkong Post Office or its Postmaster where by whom the letter is written. It is confined to the Hongkong Post Office with all legal dues paid and the Office has no option but to carry it to its destination without further charges.

There have appeared in your correspondence columns hints that mail matter is being stolen in Hongkong for the sake of the Chinese postage; whether that be true or not, certainly it is that I and many others have lost a lot of our letters and now when we take steps, perfectly in accordance with the law, we are told that such steps are improper and our letters are taxed!! Is there no one there that can take this heinous office in hand and put some light and progressiveness into its management?

THE DATE FOR THE PENNY POST DETERMINED.

A large number of your readers have been anxious to know when we in China were to have the benefit of the Penny Post. I am now in a position to inform them. The Postmaster in reply to my enquiries on the subject says: "When China joins the Postal Union the penny postage will extend to her." I was under the impression that the penny postage was to British colonies and dependencies. The above information therefore means, I presume, that China will at that time be a British Crown Colony or some other kind of colony or protectorate. Owing to the Extraterritorial Clause by which we are governed in China each nationality is treated as if on the soil of its homeland colony or Britishers have always been under the Hongkong Post Office. Now we are severed and I for one would like to know under what system we really are.

If the above information is correct we shall have to peg away at Sir Robert Hart till he has brought China into the Postal Union. I do not see, however, what that has got to do with it. We have always had the same rates as Hongkong in time past and now suddenly a distinction is made in favour of Hongkong on the plea that China is not in the Postal Union. Now Shanghai! The Emporium of the East! Wake up and demand your rights and equal privileges with Hongkong!

I am, etc.,
A TAXED BRITISHER.

THE TIENTSIN VICEROY'S BANQUET.

The annual banquet given by the Viceroy to the Consular Body, the leading merchants, foreigners in Chinese employ, etc., at Tientsin was given at the Imperial Military College on 21st March, some 25 foreign and 14 Chinese guests being present. Brilliantly illuminated gables spanned the Taku Road near the College, and soldiers lined the route for some distance. Near the outer doors two army bands were stationed who played during the arrival and departure of the guests. The guests were received by their excellencies Viceroy Yu Lu and the Customs Tsoa Mr. Li, in a reception room, and at 7.30 a movement was made to the banquet hall. This consisted of two large rooms thrown into one, the long tables arranged in the form of a double T running the whole length of the Viceroy being at one end, and H. E. Li at the other. The reception and banquet rooms were beautifully decorated, as were also the tables, and the repast was excellently cooked and served. Director Tsai of the University, interpreter to H. E. the Viceroy, made two excellent speeches on behalf of the Viceroy and toasted the guests, also the nations they represented. Comte du Chaylard made suitable replies to both toasts. Gen. Yuan's hand played with its usual excellence throughout the evening.

We append a list of the guests present, also the menu which was composed alternately of foreign and Chinese courses.

MENU.
(IN FRENCH AND CHINESE.)
Consommé aux petits pois.
Poulet Mandarine grillé.
Frites de légumes.
Bouillabaisse à la Reine.
Potage aux truffes de Périgueux.
Filet de bœuf braisé au Champagne.
Allioli de requin.
Aspic de foie gras.
Frites de légumes.
Asperges en landes.
Champignons au bouillon poivré.
Dinde rôtie au jus.
Caviar noir.
Chateaubriot de bœuf.
Filet de veau.
Quenelles à la sauce.
Gâteau de légumes au lait d'ânes.
Bouillabaisse au jus avec légumes.
Fruits de Saison et Café.

LIST OF GUESTS.

Messrs. Adams, E. G., Ackermann, D., Bellingham, A. W. H., Bidwell, G. B. D., Böttcher, A., Clifford, O. C., Comte du Chaylard, Cousins, E., Eames, J. B., Dickinson, J. M., Drake, N. F., De Linde, Drummond, J. M., Depasse, D., Doire, A., Fulton, J., Gammon, C. F., Haggisley, A. E., Hill, Dr. Ivana, Kuhn, Lieut., Kraus, Karst, Lieut., Kéféles, Lyubomirov, De Laurence, Lieut., Emdin, E. T., Lindberg, Lieut., Mackintosh, D. H., Mackinnon, L. A., McLeish, W., Mauchiskis, Ragsdale, J. W., Poulsen, C., Robertson, Dr. Rump, C. Scott, B. C. G., Schell, H., Schiem, H. C., Schiele, A., Schlageski, C., Schmidt, H., Stewart, J., Schouisky, N. A., Staricoff, A. D., Tenney, C. D., Tamari, Com. D., Tel, N., Tenner, C., Woronoff, Col., Vidal, Major, Walker, H. W., Wilkinson, F. E.—P. & T. Times.

LOOKING UP THE TOWER.

"ADVANCE, QUEEN VICTORIA'S KEYS."

The main guard-house at the Tower, which has just been pulled down is hard by the Bloody Tower. It is at this spot, says the Daily Graphic, that the quaint and ancient ceremony of looking up the Tower is nightly performed, as it has been for centuries. A few minutes before eleven the head warder, or yeoman porter, as he is properly styled, clothed in a red cloak, carrying a portentous bunch of keys, and accompanied by another warder carrying a lantern, appears in front of the main guard-house, and roars out, "Escort, Keys!" The yeoman of the guard then turns out with some of the men, and follows the yeoman to the outer gate, the whole party being challenged by the sentries with "Who goes there?" and the answer is simply "Keys." The gates being locked the keys are brought back to the main guard. Here the sentry stamps and roars out, "Who goes there?"

"Keys" is the reply.

"Queen Victoria's keys."

"Advance, Queen Victoria's keys. And all's well."

God bless Queen Victoria!" cries the yeoman porter.

"Amen," responds the main guard. "Present arms!" cries the officer on duty, and amid the rattle of the salute he kisses the hilt of his sword. The yeoman porter marches off with the keys and deposits them in the Lieutenant's lodgings, and from that time throughout the living night you can only circulate within the Tower precincts if you know the countersign.

LONDON COLLEGE OF MUSIC.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

The results of the examination held in November and December last in connection with the London College of Music are announced. The candidates in pianoforte playing were examined by Mrs. Halgate, formerly of the Royal Academy, London, and Messrs. G. Grimble and A. G. Ward. The Theory papers were examined by Dr. Arthur S. Holloway. In the following list, the schools to which the candidates belonged, or their teachers, are denoted by letters placed after the names thus:—Bellifios Girls' School, (B.); Diocesan School, (D.); Mr. E. Danenberg, (E. D.); Mr. F. Danenberg, (F. D.); Fairlie, (F.); Italian Convent, (I. C.); Victoria English School, (V.); Mr. A. G. Ward, (W.).

PIANOFORTE PLAYING.

First Class.—C. Logan (F.), E. Angell (I. C.) Second Class.—S. Chitt (E. D.).

INTERMEDIATE SECTION.

Honours.—M. Hunter (B.), F. Shaw, E. King (B.), M. Parker (B.), E. Moore (F.), A. A. Wilson (W.).

First Class.—A. Benning (F.), Eliz. Kingsley (I. C.), H. Schmidt (F. D.), B. Waddell (E. D.), A. A. Alves (E. D.), R. Scheppelman (I. C.), Lizzie A. Parlane (F. D.).

Second Class.—G. M. Wilson (W.), A. Lee Lun (I. C.), E. Lewis (V.), C. E. Hastings (D.), W. J. Clerehew (B.).

ELEMENTARY SECTION.

Honours.—R. Kennett (B.), N. Rozario (I. C.), E. Hest (I. C.), Mary Hopkin (I. C.).

First Class.—Emma Kingsley (I. C.), M. Gutierrez (I. C.), E. C. Laiter (I. C.), M. C. Sutherland (F. D.), C. Letitia King (B.).

Second Class.—Daisy M. Mather (B.), T. Tegill (W.), R. Wathling (I. C.), G. M. Craig (B.), E. Edina Lawrence (I. C.), P. Rozario (F. D.).

THEORY.

Senior Pass Section.

First Class.—Ruby Lee Kum (W.).

Junior Honours Section.

First Class.—M. Hunter (B.), S. Mehta (E. D.).

Second Class.—Ella King (B.), B. Waddell (E. D.), Mary F. Rodger (E. D.), M. E. H. Duncan (E. D.), M. Parker (B.), W. J. Clerehew (D.), C. E. Hastings (D.), R. Kennett (B.).

Junior Pass Section.

First Class.—E. Angell (I. C.), A. A. Alves (E. D.).

Elementary Section.

First Class.—Mary Hopkin (I. C.).

The Bellifios Medal for girls is awarded to M. Hunter; that for boys is not awarded, no candidate having reached a sufficiently high standard.

Prizes are awarded to F. Shaw, R. Lee Kum, E. Angell, and R. Kennett.

THE LONDON GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE BILL "TO MAKE BETTER PROVISION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN LONDON," WHICH WAS INTRODUCED BY MR. BAUFORD, WAS ISSUED ON FEBRUARY 28TH IN LONDON. IT HAS TWENTY-THREE CLAUSES. THE FIRST PROVIDES FOR THE FORMATION OF A SEPARATE BOROUGH OF EACH OF THE SCHEDULED AREAS, NAMED, THE EXISTING PARISHIAL AREAS OF BATTERSEA, CAMBERWELL, CHELSEA, FULHAM, HAMMERSMITH, HAMPSTEAD, ISLINGTON, KENSINGTON, LAMBETH, LEWISHAM, PADDINGTON, ST. MARYLEBON, AND ST. PAULS; THE DISTRICTS OF BRIGHTON AND WANDSWORTH; AND THE AREA OF THE PARLIAMENTARY BOROUGH OF WESTMINSTER. IT ALSO PROVIDES THAT EVERY OTHER BOROUGH CREATING SHALL HAVE EITHER A RATEABLE VALUE EXCEEDING £500,000 OR A POPULATION BETWEEN 100,000 AND 400,000. EACH BOROUGH WILL HAVE A COUNCIL, WHICH IS TO CONSIST OF A MAJOR, ALDERMEN, AND COUNCILLORS; WILL BE DIVIDED INTO WARDS, IN EACH OF WHICH THE NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS MUST BE DIVISIBLE BY THREE; AND SHALL NOT HAVE MORE THAN SEVENTY-TWO ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS. THE LAW AS TO THE CONSTITUTION, ELECTION, AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCILS, AND AS TO THE MEMBERS, ELECTORS, AND AUDITORS THEREOF REMAINS THE SAME; THE FIRST ELECTIONS ARE TO TAKE PLACE ON NOVEMBER 1, 1900, AND THEREAFTER THE ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS WILL BE ON THAT DAY IN EACH YEAR, AND THE ELECTION OF ALDERMEN AND MAYORS ON NOVEMBER 9.

THE ELECTION TO BE ON A NEW REGISTER.

It is important to note that after this year the revised list of voters in London shall be printed and signed by the town clerk before October 20th and come into operation as the register of electoral voters on November 1st. The present papers of the electors and elector lists are to be printed and signed by the town clerk before October 20th and come into operation as the register of electoral voters on November 1st. The present papers of the electors and elector lists are to be printed and signed by the town clerk before October 20th and come into operation as the register of electoral voters on November 1st. The present papers of the electors and elector lists are to be printed and signed by the town clerk before October 20th and come into operation as the register of electoral voters on November 1st.

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UNIFORMITY OF TAXING.

A scheme under the bill is to provide for all the expenses of the council being levied out of the general rate, and for the discontinuance of a separate sewers rate, and separate lighting rate, substituting a single rate. Overseers are to be appointed by the borough council, and every precept issued by any authority in London for the purpose of obtaining a rate within a borough other than a precept sent to guardians by the Local Government Board, or by a body containing representatives elected by the guardians, is to be sent to the overseers at their office, addressed to the overseers without naming them personally, or to their clerk. The overseers are to levy all the rates on one demand note in a form to be approved by the Local Government Board. The provisions in the City of London are to be assessed to county contributions in the same manner as the rest of the parishes in the administrative county.

There is to be no more overlapping of areas. No parish is to be situated in more than one borough, and the detached parts of parishes in London like the parts of Middlesex in Bethnal Green will be merged in the surrounding or adjoining parish, and similarly, the detached portions of the administrative County of London, like the part of Clerkenwell at Muswell Hill, will become part of the surrounding county. Woolwich will become one of the metropolitan boroughs. Penze may either be attached to the borough of Lewisham, or be merged in Kent or Surrey. There are saving clauses as to ecclesiastical charities; and the naming of the new boroughs is to be left to the Privy Council.

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COLLAPSE OF THE JOINT HIGH COMMISSION.

WASHINGTON, February 20th.

From a statement made public by the Joint High Commission it appears there were serious differences of opinion between them regarding the important matter of the delimitation of the Alaskan boundary, the Canadians in this connection being anxious to obtain a seaport in Lynn canal so that their shippers would not be subjected to the petty annoyances which they asserted they experienced at the hands of the United States officials. Then the time for the meeting of the Canadian Parliament, at which the presence of members of the Commission from that country is desired, is overdue, and the latter are anxious to return as soon as possible. It also became apparent that there was little likelihood of the ratification by the United States Senate at the present session of any treaty which might be framed, which also probably figured in the decision to adjourn.

A dozen important questions were referred to the Commission for its consideration, and the Commissioners state that substantial progress in the settlement and adjustment of many of the questions has been made. Probably those who have given the most serious trouble and proved a stumbling block to a final agreement on all have been the two relating to lumber, and the Alaskan boundary question, on both of which the Canadians have demanded concessions which the Americans felt it would be prejudicial to the best interests of the United States to grant. It was felt also that an adjournment for a few months might result in a better prospect for harmony, and a disposition on the part of the Canadians to agree to propositions made to them by the Commissioners on this side of the boundary line. Senator Fairbanks, chairman of the American Commission, has repeatedly stated that there was no basis for the reports of a rupture in the relations of the two bodies, and to-night supplemented this by saying that they were on the best of terms.

On behalf of their respective commissions, Senator Fairbanks, the chairman of the American board, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, acting chairman in the absence of Lord Herrchell, who is ill, of the Canadian board, made the following public statement respecting the action taken to-day:

"The Commission adjourned to meet at Quebec on August and unless the chairman of the respective committees shall agree upon another date. The Commission has made very substantial progress in the settlement and adjustment of many of the questions upon which it has been earnestly engaged. But it has been unable to agree upon the settlement of the Alaskan boundary. This problem was complicated and difficult, but the Commissioners, acting in the utmost friendliness and cordiality, have been unable to agree upon a satisfactory adjustment."

"The difficulties, apart from the immediate delimitation of this boundary by the commission itself, arise from the conditions under which it might be referred to arbitration. The British Commissioners desired that the whole question should be referred on terms similar to those provided in the reference of the Venezuela boundary line, and which, by providing an umpire, would insure certainty and finality. The United States Commissioners, on the other hand, thought the local conditions in Alaska so different that some modifications of the Venezuela boundary reference should be introduced. They thought the reference should be made to the six eminent jurists, three chosen by each of the high contracting parties, without providing for an umpire, they believing that finality would be secured by a majority vote of the jurists so chosen. They did not see any present prospect of agreeing to a European umpire to be selected in the manner proposed by the British Commissioners, while the British Commissioners were unwilling to agree to the selection of an American umpire in the manner suggested by the United States Commissioners."

"The United States Commissioners further contended that special stipulations should be made in any reference to arbitration that the existing settlements on the tide waters of the coast should in any result continue to belong to the United States. To this contention the British Commissioners refused to agree."

"It was therefore deemed advisable to adjourn to a convenient date in order to enable the respective governments to further consider the subject, with respect to which no conclusion has yet been reported."—Chronicle.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

APRIL.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1893.

Barometer 30.039

Thermometer 81.0

Humidity 85.0

Rainfall 4.08

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

On date at 10 a.m. On date at 4 p.m.

Barometer 29.69 29.60

Thermometer 76 80

Humidity 86 69

Rainfall — —

TO-DAY.

Tuesday, 4th April, 1899.

Chinese—25th of and moon of 25th year of Kwang-shi.

Sun—Rises 6hr. 6min.

Sets 5hr. 55min.

High water—Morning none

Afternoon 2hr. 50min.

Low water—Morning none

Afternoon 12hr. 12min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1774—Oliver Goldsmith died.

1857—Tang-chi, late Emperor of China, born.

1885—Protocol of peace between France and China signed at Paris.

1890—The Rev. T. A. Large murdered at Tokio, by Japanese burglars.

1891—Arrival of the Caswell and Prince George of Greece in Hongkong.

1896—Treaty between Germany and Japan signed at Berlin.

1897—Klondyke gold discoveries reported.

TO-MORROW.

Wednesday, 5th April, 1899.

Chinese—25th of and moon of 25th year of Kwang-shi.

Sun—Rises 6hr. 6min.

Sets 5hr. 55min.

High water—Morning 6hr. 20min.

Afternoon 6hr. 20min.

Low water—Morning 6hr. 18min.

Afternoon 6hr. 5min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1843—Hongkong declared a Crown Colony by Royal Charter.

1847—The Hoque Ports destroyed by General Aguilera.

1868—Coolie mutiny on board the ship *Theresa*.

1897—Wholesale riot at Shanghai.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

Australian (*Guthrie*) to-morrow.

American (*Galle*) 9th inst.

French (*Salazie*) 10th inst.

Intimations.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
FUTAMI MARU.....	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE.	FRIDAY, 7th April, at 4 P.M.
KAWACHI MARU.....	NAGASAKI, KOBE, and YOKOHAMA.	SATURDAY, 8th April, at 4 P.M.
KANAGAWA MARU.....	MARSHALLS, LONDON, ANTWERP & BREMEN, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO & PORT SAID.	SUNDAY, 9th April, at 4 P.M.
KAGOSHIMA MARU.....	KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.	THURSDAY, 13th April, at 4 P.M.
SENDAI MARU.....	VLADIVOSTOK, via SWADOW, AMOY, SHANGHAI, CHEFOO, CHEMULO AND NAGASAKI.	THURSDAY, 13th April, at 4 P.M.
SADO MARU.....	MARSHALLS, LONDON & ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID.	THURSDAY, 20th April, at 4 P.M.

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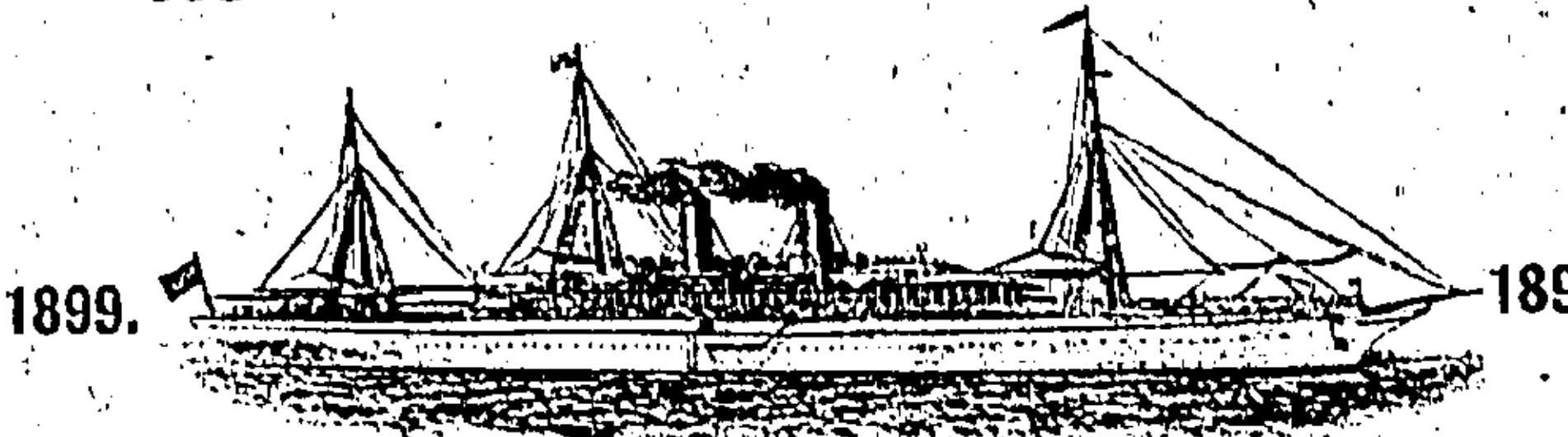
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Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European Officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent, Hongkong, 21st March, 1899. [2]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD. NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS.

ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Prinz Heinrich, [Wednesday] 26th April.

Prinzess, [Wednesday] 24th May.

Sachsen, [Wednesday] 21st June.

Bayern, [Wednesday] 19th July.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 26th day of April 1899, at 9 A.M. the Company's Steamship "PRINZ HEINRICH," Captain O. Cüppers, with PASSENGERS, SPECIAL CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on MONDAY, the 24th April. Cargo and Special will be received on board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 25th April, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on TUESDAY, the 26th April. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Cubic Feet in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 29th March, 1899. [47a]

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